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The National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) is the founding sponsor of Patient Safety Awareness Week and has led the event since 2002. The Department of Health Services joins NPSF in supporting this year's theme *Be Aware for Safe Care*, which highlights the need for everyone to understand the importance of patient safety and to recognize the range of efforts being made to improve health safety in the United States and worldwide.

Moreover, the campaign seeks to make patients, providers, and the public aware of the ways they can participate in these efforts and partner to improve patient safety. While efforts of the past decade have brought improvements, recent studies indicate that much work remains to be done - and can be done most effectively through the involvement of all parties.

NPSF encourages creative collaboration among hospital systems, provider groups, patient advocates, and other community organizations to help patients and consumers understand how they can participate to be part of the solution.

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Now more than ever in health care, a focus on empowering patients and strengthening patient-provider communications is seen as paramount to reducing errors. We all need to *Be Aware for Safe Care*.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of March 4-10, 2012 as National Patient Safety Awareness Week in Los Angeles County.

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